

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The 2016 NCAA Division III men's basketball national championship game

matched the University of St. Thomas Tommies against the Benedictine University Eagles at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, Virginia; and

WHEREAS: The University of St. Thomas defeated Benedictine University 82-76; and

WHEREAS: Senior forward, Taylor Montero, earned the recognition of Most Outstanding

Player of the Final Four, and was joined by senior center, Ryan Saarela, and

junior guard, Grant Shaeffer, on the All-Final Four Team; and

WHEREAS: The University of St. Thomas men's basketball team has the distinction of being

the 2016 Division III National Champions; and

WHEREAS: The University of St. Thomas men's basketball team has the added distinction of

winning a record 11 consecutive Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

regular season championships; and

WHEREAS: Led by Head Coach John Tauer, the Tommies showed unmatched determination,

resiliency, and teamwork to achieve St. Thomas' third Final Four appearance and second National Championship in men's basketball in the last six seasons; and

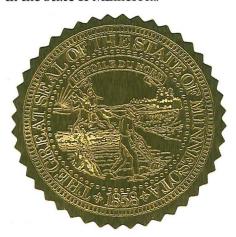
WHEREAS: Marked by excellence, the University of St. Thomas men's basketball team serves

as a point of pride for the City of St. Paul and the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 5, 2016 as:

TOMMIE MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 5th day of May.

GOVERNOR